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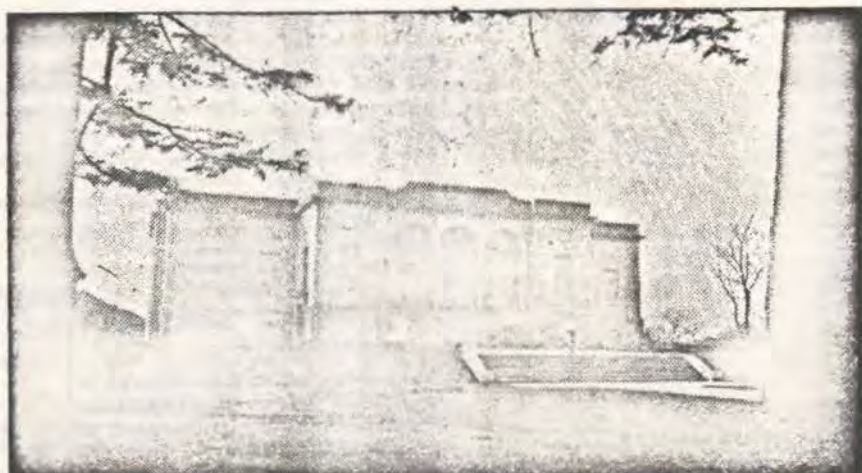
OF THE

## RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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William H. Hall Free Library, Edgewood

### *Annual Meeting of the Rhode Island Library Association*

Friday, April 27, 1928

**10:00 GREETINGS.**

Mr. Howard N. Knight, Vice President Board of Trustees, William H. Hall Free Library.

Mr. Arthur A. Rhodes, Mayor of Cranston.

Business

**11:00 RECENT BOOKS OF PROFESSIONAL INTEREST**

Ten-minute reviews.

**Why Stop Learning?**—Fisher

Doris M. Nelson, Harris Institute Library.

**Books and Bidders**—Rosenbach.

Herbert O. Brigham, R. I. State Library.

**Adventures in Reading**—Becker.

Mary R. Lucas, Providence Public Library.

**11:30 UNCLE SAM'S "SEVEN DAY".**

Non-Fiction.

Miss Edith Guerrier, Supervisor of Branches, Boston Public Library.

**12:30 LUNCHEON.**

**2:00 INTER LIBRARY LOAN.**

A Symposium.

Mr. Sherman of the Providence Public Library will state the practice of outstanding libraries in the U. S. Other Rhode Island librarians will discuss the terms on which their libraries are prepared to lend books.

**3:00 SEAN O'CASEY.**

Ireland's Post-Revolution Dramatist.

Professor Horace M. Reynolds, Brown University.



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### How to Reach Edgewood

Take cars marked "Pawtuxet via Broad St." on Washington St. at Mathewson, or at City Hall, or on Dorrance St. corner of Westminster. Get off at Albert Ave. The trip to Edgewood by trolley takes 35 minutes and cars run about every 10 minutes.

In order that the meeting may begin on time, members are urged to leave Providence not later than 9:15.

### Luncheon

Luncheon will be served at the Edgewood Congregational Church at 75c per person. We have heard rumors of chicken and ice-cream. Be sure to reserve your place by notifying Miss Morse before April 23.

Automobiles will be provided for drives around Edgewood, Pawtuxet and Roger Williams Park between 1 and 2, if the weather permits.

### Gifts Or Exchanges

If there is sufficient interest to warrant the use of this column for listing books available as gifts or for exchange, the Bulletin will continue this practise in each issue.

The following Rhode Island material is offered by the Westerly Public Library to any library willing to pay the costs of transportation.

Allen, Zachariah. Defense of the R. I. system of treatment of the Indians. Providence, 1876.

Atlas of Surveys of Southern R. I., Phila. Everts & Richards, 1895.

Atlas of Surveys, Providence Co. Philadelphia. Everts & Richards, 1895.

Blake, Charles. An historical account of the Providence Stage, Providence, Whitney, 1868.

Greene, W. A. The Providence Plantations for 250 years. Providence, Reid, 1886.

Tolman, W. H. A history of higher education in R. I. Washington. Bureau of Education, 1894.

## Handbook

Miss Morse reports that the printer is now at work on the 1928 Handbook, and promises that it will be ready for distribution on April 27. The libraries whose contributions have made the new edition possible are Brown University Library, Elmwood Public Library, People's Library of Newport, Providence Athenaeum, Westerly Public Library, and William H. Hall Free Library. Personal contributions have been made by three librarians.

### Among Our Smaller Libraries

The North Kingstown Free Library in Wickford, Miss Annie E. Merithew, librarian, reports that the circulation of books has greatly increased during the past year. Additional floor shelving has been set up in the reading room and two new magazine stands have been added. The interests of the young people, too, have been taken care of, one section of the reading room and a reading table having been reserved for their use.

More than 35% of the readers at the Portsmouth Free Library are children under High School age, and a very large proportion of them are Portuguese. Miss Hattie G. Anthony, as librarian, has the privilege of serving these small citizens as well as many of their older brothers and sisters, students in the High Schools at Fall River and Newport.

Until a few years ago, Mrs. Minnie T. Knight, librarian of the Manton Free Library at Exeter, had the unique privilege of serving her patrons from her own home. In November 1925, the library was moved to its present location, a building erected by the town for this purpose, and here Mrs. Knight continues to serve the town, effecting excellent co-operation between the schools and the library.

The Pawtuxet Valley Free Library of Phenix has recently moved into new quarters; the basement of the Parish House Building on Fair View Avenue. The new quarters are considerably more commodious than the old ones. There is a circulation room with dimensions of about 50 by 35 feet, a reference room and an office for the librarian. With its 12,000 or more volumes this library serves four elementary schools, two parochial schools, a senior and a junior high school. Mrs. Velma Craig is librarian.

A fine piece of Americanization



work is being carried on at the Crompton Free Library, West Warwick. Through the instrumentality of Mrs. Althea Jencks, Supervisor of Home Classes, two Americanization classes have been formed at Crompton, meeting at the library. The afternoon group is made up of nine members, and nineteen women are registered in the evening class. Bohemian, Ukrainian, Polish, Slav, Czechoslovakian and French Canadian nationalities are represented here, a veritable league of nations. Miss Edith Barton, librarian at Crompton, is assisted in the evening class by Miss Ruth Davis of Crompton County.

Faced with the necessity of giving up the children's story hour on account of the illness of her story teller—Mrs. Ella D. Chapman, librarian at East Greenwich, tried an innovation which has proved a very happy experiment. The children when told of the situation and given a choice, chose to continue to come for the hour and entertain each other. This developed the fact that among the children were several born story tellers, who held the attention of the class perfectly. So successful did this prove that even with the story teller back again, the custom has continued, and now any of the children who come with a story or a poem are encouraged to contribute to the hour.

Miss Myra S. Anthony librarian at the Anthony Free Library, reports an unusually fine spirit of helpfulness and interest on the part of the members of her Library Association. During the evenings when the library is open, some of the women of the Association make it a point to be present at the library somewhat in the capacity of hostesses.

Although the Auburn Public Library now occupies a building that is quite inadequate for its work, it owns the lot upon which it is situated, and looking forward into the future, hopes sometime to have a large building adequate to the needs of its growing community. Miss Annie B. Sherman is librarian at Auburn.

In the first four months of the present year the circulation of books at the Adams Library, Central Falls, has increased nearly 15%. Mr. J. Elliot Davison, librarian, attributes much of this increase to the deposit of books in the schools, for in cases where the children have registered adults from the same family have later come in for books.

## High School Libraries

### Cranston

The very attractive library at Cranston High is a new one in a new building. It has a librarian's room, two small committee rooms, a lecture room with stereopticon and dark curtains, movable chairs and a platform in addition to the large library room. Miss Anne W. Carpenter, head of the English department, is librarian.

The Library Circle, consisting of fifteen boys and girls chosen from all classes, are indispensable to the library work. They mend books, care for bulletin boards, keep shelves in order, mount pictures, arrange magazines and perform many other valuable services. Besides this, they publish every week or two a Library Circular, a single mimeographed sheet in which library news is sent out.

### Rogers High

During the Freshman Class library lessons, just completed at the George H. Norman Library, Rogers High School, Newport, Miss Eleanor M. Barker, librarian, tried a number of experiments such as a "true-false" test, and a project covering the lessons given during this course. Miss Barker is assisted by a Library Auxiliary, an organization of upper class girls, who each give an hour a week helping in the work of the library.

### Classical

This year, the first for the Classical High School Library, has been one of organization. Under the leadership of Miss Constance Perley, librarian, every effort has been made to reach and serve both pupils and teachers. An initial appropriation by the school board made it possible to have the equipment and furniture essential to an attractive room and efficient management, and other funds are being used in the building of a book collection.

### Commercial

Last December an extra appropriation by the city made possible the work of classifying and cataloging the books in the Library at Commercial High.

The Library Auxiliary, whose members are loyal workers in the library, has held its regular meetings which have been of a literary character. The Faculty Browse in the Fall, was a delightful occasion, when all the members of the faculty were invited to the library—"to browse once more, friends. . . 'Mongst books both old and new." Miss Ruth E. Greene is librarian at Commercial High School Library.



## Who's It and Why!

Mr. J. Elliot Davison has resigned as librarian at the Adams Library, Central Falls, and will take charge of the Public Library of St. Augustine, Florida, about April 15.

Miss Annie W. Eastman, former Children's Librarian at the Flint (Mich.) Public Library, has been appointed librarian of the Boys' and Girls' Library, Providence Public Library, succeeding Miss Helen V. Aldrich. Miss Eastman has had extensive and varied experience in public library service. In addition to completing the course in library training at the Carnegie Library School, Pittsburgh, she has served as Children's Librarian in branch libraries of the Brooklyn and Cleveland Public Libraries, and has also been Children's Librarian in the Lansing, Michigan, Public Library.

Miss Aldrich has been transferred to have charge of the Bridgham Branch, the first Junior High School Library in Providence, operated under the co-operative arrangement of the School Department and the Public Library.

The Library Journal has recently published articles by two R. I. librarians. "Bibliographical Notes on Airships," by Arthur R. Blessing, Librarian at the War College, Newport, appeared in the issue of Feb. 15, and "Information on Vocations Thru the College Library," by Francis K. W. Drury, assistant librarian of the John Hay Library, Brown University, in the March 15 number. Mr. Drury first presented his paper at the conference of the National Vocational Guidance Association in Boston on Feb. 25.

Among the many splendid tributes paid to Mr. William E. Foster during the celebration of Providence Public Library's fiftieth anniversary was the following by Mr. George Parker Winship of Widener Library, Harvard University, former librarian of John Carter Brown Library:

"His information service was years ahead of any other library. He kept it ahead in his quiet way, even after the big cities took it up. He has provided material for women's clubs, for business people. Other libraries have gone to him for methods, and with his ideas have made great names for themselves. For fifty years he has been reaching the particular communities that he was anxious to serve. His work among the foreign peoples has been well ahead of that of others. He has showed libraries how to use the newspapers to reach the peo-

ple. And he has kept going and thinking under difficulties."

Mr. F. K. W. Drury has completed his book, "The Selection and Acquisition of Books for Library Schools," which is to be the third manuscript to appear in the Library Curriculum series. This is soon to be mimeographed for experimental use.

Miss Bertha Pillsbury has resigned her position as assistant librarian at the Harris Institute Library, Woonsocket. She is now in St. Augustine, Florida, and will remain there several weeks longer. Miss Louise Frances Logan has been elected to fill the position of assistant librarian. She is a graduate of the Woonsocket High School, class of 1924, and of the School of Commercial Sciences, class of 1926. She is well qualified to fill the position, having been a regular member of the staff for the past four years.

## All New England Library Conference; The Eastland, Portland, Maine, June 26-29

The State Library Associations of New England have accepted the invitation of the Maine Library Association to hold a joint convention in Portland in June. It is three years since the New England meeting at Swampscott and will be the first conference in Maine. Make it a large and enthusiastic gathering!

Portland, as the center of Maine's vacation land, offers unusual attractions. Situated at the head of beautiful Casco Bay it has a great variety of delightful features. The Portland Chamber of Commerce and the local trustees are planning special sight-seeing trips, including an afternoon sail down the Bay.

The program will consist of eight sessions, each in charge of the several state organizations, with an afternoon of sectional meetings. The conference opens Tuesday evening, June 26, and continues through Friday evening, the 29th.

Headquarters will be at The Eastland, which adjoins the Congress Square Hotel. Rates at The Eastland will be: single rooms, \$2.50 per day and upwards; double rooms \$5.00 per day and upwards; all rooms with private bath. Rates at the Congress Square will be \$2.00 per day and upwards. Both European plan. Reservations should be made directly with the hotels.